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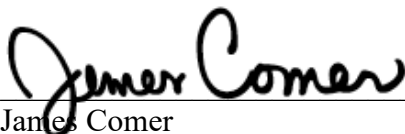
Ms. Mary Cathryn Ricker
Former Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Education

Dear Ms. Ricker:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating reports of widespread fraud in Minnesota's social services programs.¹ As the former Commissioner of Education, you have information that will assist the Committee's investigation. Accordingly, we request your testimony at an in-person transcribed interview on February 5, 2026. If you do not voluntarily appear for the interview, we will be forced to evaluate the use of the compulsory process.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. To discuss the transcribed interview or to ask any related follow up questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

¹ See Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, to Governor Tim Walz, State of Minnesota (Dec. 3, 2025); Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, to Attorney General Keith Ellison, State of Minnesota (Dec. 3, 2025).